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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/7/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-39, 41, 42.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts of record fail to teach the combinational limitations of

Regarding claim 2,

(a) pooling voice server resources provided by a plurality of voice chips in the media gateway, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer, wherein each voice server card includes N_m voice chips, N_m being an integer representing the number of voice chips on the m^{th} voice server card, and each voice chip supports K_{mn} voice channels, K_{mn} being an integer representing

the number of channels of the n^{th} voice chip on the m^{th} voice server card;

(b) for each new call/session originating from the packet network, dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources;

(c) dynamically assigning a Logical resource identifier to each session;

(d) receiving a plurality of voice packets relating to a call/session from a plurality of different external networks and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the call/session to the external networks; and

(e) processing voice packets associated with each session using the voice

chip dynamically assigned to the session.

Regarding claim 9,

- a. Pooling voice server resources provided by a plurality of voice chips in the media gateway, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer, wherein each voice server card includes N_m voice chips, N_m being an integer repressing the number of voice chips on the m th voice server card, and each voice chip supports k_{mn} voice channels, k_{mn} being an integer representing the number of channels of the n th voice chip on the m th voice server card;
- b. for each new call/session originating from the packet network, dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources wherein dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources includes allocating the voice chip independently of a remote endpoint assigned to each session;
- c. dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session;
- d. and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the call/session to the external networks;
- e. terminating a data link layer connection associated with each session at one of a plurality of network interface cards within the media gateway; and
- f. processing voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session, wherein processing voice packets associated with each session using the assigned voice processing resource

includes forwarding packets from the network interface card to the voice processing resource using the logical resource identifier assigned to each session and one of more addresses in each received packet and wherein forwarding each packet to the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding each packet by comparing a destination IP address, destination UDP port, source UDP port combination in each packet to a plurality of local IP address, local UDP port, remote IP address, remote UDP port combinations assigned to active sessions in the media gateway.

Regarding claim 17,

- (a) pooling voice server resources provided by a plurality of voice chips in the media gateway;
- (b) for each new call/session, dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources;
- (c) dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session;
- (d) receiving a plurality of voice packets relating to a call/session from a plurality of different external networks and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the call/session to the external networks;
- (e) terminating a data link layer connection associated with each session at one of a plurality of network interface cards within the media gateway; and
- (f) processing voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session wherein processing voice packets associated with each session using the assigned voice

processing resource includes forwarding packets from the network interface card to the voice processing resource using the logical resource identifier assigned to each session and one or more addresses in each received packet and wherein forwarding each packet to the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding each packet by comparing a destination IP address, destination UDP port combination in each packet to a plurality of destination IP address, destination UDP port combinations assigned to active sessions in the media gateway.

Regarding claim 18,

A method for dynamic media

gateway resource management, the method comprising:

at a media gateway for switching voice packets between a plurality of input ports and output ports;

(a) pooling voice server resources provided by a plurality of voice chips in the media gateway;

(b) for each new call/session, dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources;

(c) dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session;

(d) receiving a plurality of voice packets relating to a call/session from a plurality of different external networks and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the call/session to the external networks;

(e) terminating a data link layer connection associated with each session at one of a

plurality of network interface cards within the media gateway; and

(f) processing voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session wherein processing voice packets associated with each session using the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding packets from the network interface card to the voice processing resource using the logical resource identifier assigned to each session and one or more addresses in each received packet and wherein forwarding each packet to the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding each packet by comparing a destination IP address, destination UDP port, source IP address, source UDP port combination in each packet to a plurality of local IP address, local UDP port, remote IP address, remote UDP port combinations assigned to active sessions in the media gateway.

Regarding claim 19,

(a) a plurality of voice chips being pooled in a common resource pool for performing voice processing operations on media packets associated with a session, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer, wherein each voice server card includes N_m voice chips, N_m being an integer representing the number of voice chips on the m th voice server card, and each voice chip supports K_n on voice channels, K_n being an integer representing the number of channels of the n th voice chip on

the mm voice server card where N_m and K_{m_n} are different for at least some of the voice chips;

(b) a plurality of network interfaces coupled to the voice chips for forwarding incoming media packets to the voice chips and forwarding outbound media packets from the voice chips to external networks; and

(c) a dynamic resource manager operatively associated with the packet interfaces and the voice chips for dynamically allocating voice chips from the common resource pool to process new sessions on a per session basis and dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session.

Regarding claim 27,

A system for dynamic media gateway resource allocation on a per session basis, the system comprising:

(a) a plurality of voice chips being pooled in a common resource pool for performing voice processing operations on media packets originating from a packet network, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer, wherein each voice server card includes voice chips, N_m being an integer representing the number of voice chips on the m th voice server card, and each voice chip supports K_{m_n} voice channels, K_{m_n} being an integer representing the number of channels of the n th voice chip on the m th voice server card where N_{m_n} and K_{m_n} are

different for at least some of the voice chips;

(b)

a plurality of network interfaces coupled to the voice chips for forwarding incoming media packets originating from the packet network to the voice chips and forwarding outbound media packets from the voice chips to external networks wherein each network interface includes a resource allocation table being dynamically constructed from incoming media packets and wherein the resource allocation table includes a local IP address and local UDP port combination assigned to each session; and

(c)

a dynamic resource manager operatively associated with the packet interfaces and the voice chips for dynamically allocating voice chips from the common resource pool to process new sessions originating from the packet network on a per session basis and dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session.

Regarding claim 30,

A system for dynamic media gateway resource allocation

on a per session basis, the system comprising:

(a) a plurality of voice chips being pooled in a common resource pool for performing voice processing operations on media packets, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer,

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wherein each voice server card includes N_m voice chips, N_{rn} being an integer representing the number of voice chips on the m th voice server card, and each voice chip supports K_{mn} voice channels, K_{mn} being an integer representing the number of channels of the n th voice chip on the m th voice server card where N_{rn} and $K_{rn} \dots n$ are different for at least some of the voice chips;

(b) a plurality of network interfaces coupled to the voice chips for forwarding incoming media packets to the voice chips and forwarding outbound media packets from the voice chips to external networks; and

(c) a dynamic resource manager operatively associated with the packet interfaces and the voice chips for dynamically allocating voice chips from the common resource pool to process new sessions on a per session basis wherein the manager dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session and dynamically assigns a session identifier to each new session and wherein the session identifier includes a local IP address and local UDP port combination.

Regarding claim 34,

A computer program product comprising computer executable instructions embodied in a tangible computer readable medium and which when executed by a processor of a computer perform steps comprising:

(a) pooling voice server resources provided by a plurality of voice chips in the

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media gateway, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer, wherein each voice server card includes voice chips, N_{mn} being an integer representing the number of voice chips on the m th voice server card, and each voice chip supports K_{mn} voice channels, K_{mn} being an integer representing the number of channels of the n th voice chip on the m th voice server card;

(b) for each new call/session originating from the packet network, dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources;

(c) dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session, wherein dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session includes dynamically allocating a local IP address and local UDP port for each session;

(d) receiving a plurality of media packets relating to a session from a plurality of different external networks and sending a plurality of media packets relating to the session to the external networks; and

(e) processing the ~ media packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session.

Regarding claim 37,

A computer program product comprising computer executable instructions embodied in a tangible computer readable medium and which when executed by a processor of a computer perform steps comprising:

(a) for each new call/session, dynamically allocating a voice chip from a pool of voice

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chips to process voice packets associated with the session, wherein dynamically allocating a voice chip from a pool of voice chips includes dynamically allocating a channel from a set of

$\sim_{m=1}^M$ to a $\sim_{n=1}^{N_m}$ voice channels, where M is an integer representing a number of voice server cards, N_m is an integer representing the number of voice chips equipped on the m -th voice server card, and K_{mn} is an integer representing the number of voice channels of the n -th voice chip of the m -th voice server card;

(b) dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session, wherein dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session includes dynamically allocating a local IP address and local UDP port for each session;

(c) receiving a plurality of voice packets relating to a session from a plurality of different external networks and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the session to the external networks; and

(d)

processing the voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session.

Regarding claim 38,

A computer program product comprising computer executable instructions embodied in a tangible computer readable medium and which when executed by a processor of a computer perform steps comprising:

(a) for each new call/session, dynamically locating a voice chip from a pool of voice chips to process voice packets associated with the session, wherein dynamically

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allocating a voice chip from a pool of voice chips includes dynamically allocating a channel from a set of

$\sim=1$ to $a\sim n=1$ to $NmK\sim$ voice channels, where M is an integer representing a number of voice server cards, $Nrn_$ is an integer representing the number of voice chips equipped on the m -th voice server card, and $Krn..n.$ is an integer representing the number of voice channels of the n -th voice chip of the m -th voice server card, wherein Nm and Kmn are different for at least some of the voice chips;

(b) dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session, wherein dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session includes dynamically allocating a local IP address and local UDP port for each session;

(c) receiving a plurality of voice packets relating to a session from a plurality of different external networks and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the session to the external networks; and

(d) processing the voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session.

Regarding claim 39,

A computer program product comprising computer executable instructions embodied in a tangible computer readable medium and which when executed by a processor of a computer perform steps comprising:

(a) for each new call/session, dynamically allocating a voice chip from a pool of voice chips to process voice packets associated with the session, wherein dynamically allocating a voice chip from a pool of voice chips includes dynamically allocating a

channel from a set of

$\sim=1$ to $a.\sim=1$ to aM voice channels, where M is an integer representing a number of voice server cards, N_m is an integer representing the number of voice chips equipped on the m -th voice server card, and $K_{m.\sim}n$ is an integer representing the number of voice channels of the n -th voice chip of the m -th voice server card, wherein N_m and $K_{m.\sim}n$ are the same for all of the voice chips;

(b) dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session, wherein dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session includes dynamically allocating a local IP address and local UDP port for each session;

(c) receiving a plurality of voice packets relating to a session from a plurality of different external networks and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the session to the external networks; and

(d)

processing the voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session.

Lin et al. (US6633563) discloses a content addressable memory (CAM) having a search field, a mask and an output for each CAM location is used to efficiently determine a processor for processing IP packets, with each IP packet being received as a sequence of cells. IP packets may be assigned to a processor (group) based on an examination of the header data, potentially including IP header and other higher layer protocols headers. The search field of a CAM location is pre-stored with header data, and the bit

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positions to be searched in the location are specified by using a mask. The output of the location identifies the processor group for executing packets with headers matching the search field, with only the bits specified by the mask being compared. When a first cell of an IP packet is received, the header data is provided as an input to the CAM, and the output identifies the processor (group) for executing the IP packet. However, Lin et al. does not teach the combinational limitations of:

- a. Pooling voice server resources provided by a plurality of voice chips in the media gateway, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer, wherein each voice server card includes N_m voice chips, N_m being an integer repressing the number of voice chips on the m th voice server card, and each voice chip supports k_{mn} voice channels, k_{mn} being an integer representing the number of channels of the n th voice chip on the m th voice server card;
- b. for each new call/session originating from the packet network, dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources wherein dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources includes allocating the voice chip independently of a remote endpoint assigned to each session;
- c. dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session;
- d. and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the call/session to the external networks;

- e. terminating a data link layer connection associated with each session at one of a plurality of network interface cards within the media gateway; and
- f. processing voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session, wherein processing voice packets associated with each session using the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding packets from the network interface card to the voice processing resource using the logical resource identifier assigned to each session and one of more addresses in each received packet and wherein forwarding each packet to the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding each packet by comparing a destination IP address, destination UDP port, source UDP port combination in each packet to a plurality of local IP address, local UDP port, remote IP address, remote UDP port combinations assigned to active sessions in the media gateway.

Carew et al. (US6879667) discloses a voice gateway (18) in a telecommunications network (1) includes a plurality of telephony port modules (102). Each telephony port module (102) receives telephony voice signals from a public switched telephony network (13). Each telephony port module (102) includes one or more digital signal processors (110) that perform one or more processing functions on the telephony voice signals. A particular telephony port module (102) may receive a telephony voice signal and use its associated digital signal processor (110) to process the received telephony voice signal or transfer the received telephony voice signal for

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processing to any digital signal processor (110) on any telephony port module (102).

Telephony signals may also be transferred for processing to digital signal processors (110) on another voice gateway (18) in a voice gateway system. However, Carew et al. fail to disclose the combinational limitations of:

- a. Pooling voice server resources provided by a plurality of voice chips in the media gateway, wherein pooling voice server resources includes combining M voice server cards into the shared pool of voice server resources, M being an integer, wherein each voice server card includes N_m voice chips, N_m being an integer representing the number of voice chips on the mth voice server card, and each voice chip supports k_{mn} voice channels, k_{mn} being an integer representing the number of channels of the nth voice chip on the mth voice server card;
- b. for each new call/session originating from the packet network, dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources wherein dynamically allocating a voice chip from the pooled voice server resources includes allocating the voice chip independently of a remote endpoint assigned to each session;
- c. dynamically assigning a logical resource identifier to each session;
- d. and sending a plurality of voice packets relating to the call/session to the external networks;
- e. terminating a data link layer connection associated with each session at one of a plurality of network interface cards within the media gateway; and

f. processing voice packets associated with each session using the voice chip dynamically assigned to the session, wherein processing voice packets associated with each session using the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding packets from the network interface card to the voice processing resource using the logical resource identifier assigned to each session and one of more addresses in each received packet and wherein forwarding each packet to the assigned voice processing resource includes forwarding each packet by comparing a destination IP address, destination UDP port, source UDP port combination in each packet to a plurality of local IP address, local UDP port, remote IP address, remote UDP port combinations assigned to active sessions in the media gateway.

Therefore, 2-39, 41, and 42 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WUTCHUNG CHU whose telephone number is (571)270-1411. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 1000 - 1500EST.

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